GENERAL ORDERS,

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, December 12, 1861.

The following orders are issued by direction of the Secretary of War:

I.-All claims to be brought before the Investigating Committee now in session at St. Louis to examine accounts against the United States Government for expenditures in the Military Department of the West previous to October 14, 1861, must be presented to the said Committee on or before the 1st day of January, 1862, or they will not be considered.

II. The Subsistence Department will purchase, at cost prices, all sound articles of subsistence saved by troops or employés by an economical use or management of the ration. All other sales of provisions issued by the Government, to any persons whomsoever, are strictly forbidden. This regulation is intended to embrace savings from bakeries and in hospitals, as well as all other savings from the Army ration. See in this connection General Orders No. 82, of September 23, 1861.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLELLAN:

L. THOMAS,

Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.